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Southern Chorale to perform in Savannah, promote upcoming international tour

April 4, 2012



The Georgia Southern Chorale will present a concert of folk songs and spirituals Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Savannah and on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall on the University's campus.

The program will feature folk music of Latvia, Estonia, the Roma, Appalachia and the southern U.S. The spirituals include "Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho," "My God Is So High," "I Can Tell The World" and "Ride On, King Jesus." The concert will also feature the student-led a cappella groups Southern Hospitality and Southern Pitches. Admission to both performances is free.

The Georgia Southern Chorale is the premiere choral ensemble of Georgia Southern University and is conducted by Dr. Shannon Jeffreys, the director of choral activities. Though membership primarily consists of voice majors, the

ensemble is open to all University students. The ensemble performs choral literature of all styles, periods and genres.

In addition to campus and community performances, the Chorale has appeared at conferences of the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference and the Georgia Music Educators Association. Each year the ensemble tours Georgia and the region. As part of Music International Studies, the Chorale has performed at the Church of San Salvator in Prague, Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin and Canterbury Cathedral.

Next summer, the choir will participate in the International Anton Bruckner Choir Competition and Festival in Linz, Austria. This event draws choirs from all over the world to compete for a grand prize and share in the camaraderie of gala concerts at St. Florian, Linz Cathedral and the city of Linz. Following the competition, the group will continue on a tour of Italy that features a shared concert with the Corale Puccini in Lucca and informal concerts in Tarvisio, Assisi, Norcia and Spoleto and concludes with the Chorale singing during a service at the Vatican.

The choir is raising money to fund the trip; donations will be accepted after the concerts. Anyone interested in sponsoring a student should contact Dr. Jeffreys at 912.478.2319 or csjeffreys@georgiasouthern.edu.

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